

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

**NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
RULE §1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): CONTACT PIECE

By (Inventors): Pierre LEHMANN

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-3B; 2 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to PRECI-DIP DURTAL SA is filed herewith.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☒ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.       , filed       .--
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 99811102.5 filed November 30, 1999 in Europe is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED ABOVE**

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TOTAL CLAIMS	20 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
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	\$ 345
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x 78	\$
+260	\$
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- ☒ Check No. 106257 in the amount of \$345.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
- ☒ This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

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